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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) NO. 5:18-CR-506-BLF  
Plaintiff, ) [FILED OCTOBER 11, 2018]  
v. )  
ANTHONY VALDEZ, ET AL., )  
Defendant. )

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) NO. 5:20-CR-189-LHK  
Plaintiff, ) [FILED MAY 6, 2020]  
v. ) NOTICE OF RELATED CASE IN A CRIMINAL  
MATTHEW RAMIREZ, ) ACTION  
Defendant. )  
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The United States of America, pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 8-1, hereby notifies the Court that the two above-captioned criminal cases are related. The charging instruments (Indictment, Superseding Indictment, and Superseding Information) in *United States v. Valdez, et al.*, 5:18-CR-506-BLF, and the

1 Information in *United States v. Ramirez*, 5:20-CR-189-LHK, each charge criminal racketeering-related  
2 offenses stemming from the defendants' Norteno street gang membership and participation in a "murder  
3 squad" with other known and unknown Norteno gang members and associates in Monterey County,  
4 California.

5 These cases appear to involve some of "the same alleged events, occurrences, transactions or  
6 property," pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 8-1(b)(1). Furthermore, the cases are related within the  
7 meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(2) because, if heard by separate judges, the actions likely would involve  
8 substantial duplication of labor by the two judges. At the very least, the government anticipates that facts  
9 and evidence related to each case will be used in the sentencing(s) of the other case.

10 Per the requirement of Local Criminal Rule 8-1(c)(4), government counsel states that assignment  
11 of these cases to a single judge is likely to conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient  
12 determination of each action.

13 DATED: May 6, 2020

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